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SUBJ: RECRIMINATIONS OVER ITALIAN LABOR'S ILO VOTE FOR IRVING
BROWN

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1. THE QUESTION OF ITALIAN WORKER REPRESENTATIVE (AND CGIL
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY) ALDO BONACCINI'S ILO VOTE FOR IRVING
BROWN (REF B) SURFACED AGAIN JULY 19 WITH PUBLICATION BY AN
OBSCURE LEFTIST NEWSPAPER AND A WIRE SERVICE OF A PROTEST
LETTER FROM THE TRICONFEDERATIONAL METAL WORKERS' FEDERATION
(FLM) TO THE CGIL-CISL-UIL FEDERATION (CCU). THE MATTER WAS
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PICKED UP BRIEFLY BY ONE ROME NEWSPAPER JULY 20 AND BY A
NATIONAL MAGAZINE APPEARING JULY 21, BUT THE CCU AND CGIL IN
PARTICULAR ARE EVIDENTLY FILING IT QUIETLY AWAY AND THE REST
OF THE PRESS SEEMS CONTENT TO LET IT DIE.

2. THE LETTER, SIGNED BY FLM'S THREE SECRETARIES GENERAL
(FIM/CISL'S BENTIVOGLI, UILM'S MATTINA AND FIOM/CGIL'S GALLI

IN THAT ORDER) INCLUDED THE USUAL ITALIAN ALLEGATIONS ABOUT BROWN (KNOWN AS TIED TO CIA, UNION-SPLITTER, ETC.). AFTER SUGGESTING THAT ITALY COULD AT LEAST HAVE ABSTAINED ON BROWN, THE LETTER COMPLAINED THAT IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE DECISIONS IN INTERNATIONAL REALM ARE MADE IN CCU WITHOUT LETTING ANYONE KNOW, EVEN AFTER THE FACT. FLM ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND FORMALLY DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM THE DECISION.

3. THE OBSCURE LEFTIST PAPER (QUOTIDIANO DEI LAVORATORI, MILANO, ORGAN OF THE EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AVANGUARDIA OPERAIA) WHICH SURFACED THE MATTER ALSO INTERVIEWED UIL SECRETARY GENERAL GIORGIO BENVENUTO, WHO REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT HE HAD LEARNED ABOUT THE VOTE FOR BROWN IN THE PRESS, THAT THE CCU SECRETARIAT HAD NEVER DISCUSSED IT, AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE OPPOSED VOTING FOR BROWN HAD IT BEEN DISCUSSED. THE PAPER SAID BENVENUTO ADDED, TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ATTITUDE, THAT WHEN AFL-CIO DESIGNATED BROWN TO ATTEND UIL'S RECENT CONVENTION, THEY DECIDED THAT BROWN'S PRESENCE WOULD BE A PROVOCATION AGAINST UIL AND THUS, "WITH COURTEOUS FIRMNESS", REITERATED THEIR INVITATION TO THE AFL-CIO BUT REJECTED BROWN. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, BENVENUTO ALSO CRITICIZED BROWN FOR GIVING FRIULI EARTHQUAKE AID ONLY TO THE LOCAL CISL AND UIL AND SAIL UIL HAD PROTESTED THAT "UNACCEPTABLE DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST THE CGIL. THE PAPER ADDED THAT NOT ONLY DOES BONACCINI NOT INFORM HIS COLLEAGUES, BUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CISL AND UIL INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL OFFICES (IE. BADUEL AND DRAGO) DO NOT CONSULT DISBCRETARIES GENERAL.

4. COMMENT. THIS TEMPEST IN A TEACUP SEEMS CERTAIN TO BE BURIED QUIETLY BY CGIL AND CCU, EXCEPT, IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT BENVENUTO HAS THE BAD TASTE AND POOR SENSE TO TRY TO PURSUE IT, WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT BENVENUTO WAS QUOTED CORRECTLY, ALTHOUGH THE STATEMENTS SEEN CONSISTENT WITH HIS PRIVATE VIEWS. GARDNER

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